

nationalgrid

May 3, 2010

CERTIFIED MAIL—Return Receipt Requested

Westley Goss
Chair-Board of Selectmen
Town of Dunstable
511 Main Street
Dunstable, MA 01827

Dear Mr. Goss:

In a letter sent in December 2009, you received notification that National Grid (New England Power Company and/or Massachusetts Electric Company) would carry out summer selective foliage and if necessary, summer and fall Cut Stump Treatment (CST) and basal treatments on rights-of-way, which pass through your municipality. Information on National Grid's approved Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) and maps showing the right-of-way to be treated were included with that letter.

The current VMP and approved 2010 YOP are posted at the following websites (hard copies available upon request):

http://www.nationalgridus.com/non_html/MS_2010_YOP_final.pdf

http://www.nationalgridus.com/non_html/National_Grid_VMP_2009-2013.pdf

Although you already received and reviewed copies of the YOP map(s) with the original notification please let us know if there are any additional *sensitive areas* located on or near the rights-of-way; please advise us as soon as possible so we can establish permanent records and implement appropriate field protective actions. We particularly rely on this process to collect corrections to the public wells and to record the location of private wells.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts recommended herbicides for use in *sensitive areas* listed in section 7 (pp. 9-11) of the YOP will be selectively applied to target vegetation by experienced, Massachusetts' licensed/certified applicators that walk along the ROWs using backpack equipment. Copies of the manufacturers' labels and fact sheets are also included in the YOP Appendices 8 & 9.

Treatment Periods*

June 7 to October 15, 2010	October 4 to December 17, 2010
Foliar	CST
CST	Basal
Basal	

* The exact treatment dates are dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress.

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Waltham, MA 02451

In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06-11.07, No herbicide applications will occur before the conclusion of the 45 day YOP review period, the 21 day treatment notice and the 48 hour newspaper notice. At the end of these review periods, which can run concurrently, no application shall commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the treatment periods listed above.

The work will be performed by one of the following companies:

Vegetation Control Service, Inc.
2342 Main Street
Athol, MA 01331
(978) 249-5348

Lewis Tree Service, Inc
300 Lucius Gordon Drive
West Henrietta, NY 14586
(585) 436-3208

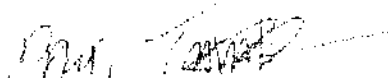
This informational 21-day notification is in compliance with Chapter 132B, section 6B of the Massachusetts General Laws, 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management and Chapter 85, Section 10 of the Acts of 2000. National Grid's vegetation management program is subject to federal and state regulations only. By statute, local permits or rulings are not applicable.

For inquiries concerning safety of the herbicides, please contact:

Director of Rights-of-Way Programs
Pesticide Bureau
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02114-2151
Telephone: (617) 626-1700

Please contact me if you have any questions about the application and monitoring of the vegetation control program.

Sincerely,



Dawn Travalini
Manager Forestry Strategy
(781) 907-2448

cc: Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau
Lewis Tree Service or Vegetation Control Service
Ms. Cheryl Mann, Dunstable Water Dept
Chair-Conservation Commission
✓ Chair- Health & Human Services

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